



City of Hollister Police Department - Animal Care & Services presents:



# Summer Fun ESSAY & POETRY CONTEST

Winning entries  
will be displayed  
in public and  
published in print  
and online!



## Theme: "Be Kind to Animals"

Animals play an important part in our lives. They are our friends and family members, giving joy and comfort to our children, our elderly, and those who are ill. Animals serve our military. They work with customs and law enforcement officers, on search and rescue teams, as guide dogs for the blind, and they provide us with food and transportation. In countless ways, animals fill our world with richness and beauty. Write an essay or poem about what being kind to animals means to you and join us in honoring our community's pets, domestic and farm animals, and wildlife this summer. Be creative ~ you may even want to describe how you have been kind to animals or try writing from an animal's point of view!

**Contest Rules:** Open to writers of all ages. Entries must be written in English. Each essay or poem may be no longer than 500 words. You may enter one poem and/or one essay in the contest, but be sure to keep a copy for yourself as we will not be able to return your entry.

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 31.**

Mail or drop off your non-returnable essay and/or poem with this completed entry form to:

Summer Fun Essay & Poetry Contest  
Hollister Animal Shelter  
1331 South Street  
Hollister, CA 95023

Or email your essay and/or poem with a scanned version of this completed form to: [shelter@hollister.ca.gov](mailto:shelter@hollister.ca.gov)

Questions? Email us at [shelter@hollister.ca.gov](mailto:shelter@hollister.ca.gov) or visit [www.hollister.ca.gov](http://www.hollister.ca.gov)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE OF ESSAY/POEM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**JUDGING CATEGORY (circle your choice below):**

**CHILD OR TEEN (PLEASE GIVE AGE):** \_\_\_\_\_ **or ADULT**